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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 are rejected. Applicant is amending claims 1, 10, 19, and 20.

Applicant acknowledges withdrawal of objections to the drawings, specification, and claims and of the rejections of claims 1-18 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-20 are rejected by the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,311,422 (Loftin) in view of “Accounting and Financial Fundamentals for Non Financial Executives” (Rachlin).

Regarding claim 1, Applicant is amending the claim to include the features of “partitioning feedback into a plurality of feedback levels, each feedback level corresponding to a severity level of a response error, the feedback being associated with the accounting goal,” “evaluating progress toward the goal and providing an appropriate level of feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the accounting goal, the appropriate level of feedback being selected from the plurality of feedback levels based on an error severity of an associated response from the student,” “dynamically adjusting a selected level of feedback based on the progress of the student toward the accounting goal.” (Emphasis added.) The amendment is supported by the specification as originally filed, e.g., page 14, line 37 – page 16, line 10. The combination of Loftin and Rachlin fails to even suggest the above features. For example, Loftin does not disclose partitioning feedback into a plurality of feedback levels (e.g., praise, polish, focus, and redirect). Loftin fails to teach adjusting a selected level of feedback, e.g., providing redirect feedback if a student writes on the wrong subject and dynamically adjusting the selected level of feedback if the student resubmits a rewritten paper with many errors in one area of the rewritten paper. Moreover, the deficiencies of Loftin are not remedied by Rachlin. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over Loftin in view of Rachlin.

Applicant is similarly amending claim 10 to include “logic that partitions feedback into a plurality of feedback levels, each feedback level corresponding to a severity level of a response error, the feedback being associated with the accounting goal,” “logic that evaluate progress

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toward the goal and provides an appropriate level of feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the accounting goal, the appropriate level of feedback being selected from the plurality of feedback levels based on an error severity of an associated response from the student," and "logic that dynamically adjusts a selected level of feedback based on the progress of the student toward the accounting goal." Also, Applicant is similarly amending claim 19 to include the features of "partitioning feedback into a plurality of feedback levels, each feedback level corresponding to a severity level of a response error, the feedback being associated with the accounting goal," "evaluating progress toward the goal and providing an appropriate level of feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the accounting goal, the appropriate level of feedback being selected from the plurality of feedback levels based on an error severity of an associated response from the student," and "dynamically adjusting a selected level of feedback based on the progress of the student toward the accounting goal." Claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20 ultimately depend from independent claims 1, 10, and 19, respectively. Thus, claims 2-20 are patentable for at least the above reasons. Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 2-20.

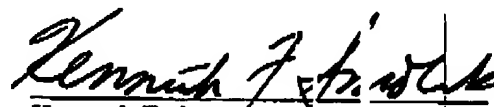
Other Amendments

Applicant is amending claim 20 to consecutively identify the elements with respect to independent claim 19.

It is respectfully submitted that the present patent application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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